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Memorandum

TO : Director of Training
THRU : Chief, Operations School, OTR

DATE: 25 October 1965

FROM : Chief, Training Assistance Staff, Operations School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #33
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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

None to report.

B. OTHER ITEMS:

1. CLANDESTINE SERVICES COUNTERINSURGENCY COMMITTEE:

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[redacted] Special Assistant to C/OPSER, called last week at DDTR's suggestion, to invite someone from our office to a meeting on Thursday 21 October to discuss a proposed study on CIA in Counterinsurgency. Eva went to the meeting and was asked to record it. A copy of her memorandum for the record is attached. (Later, Eva talked with [redacted] being out - who

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indicated that [redacted] felt that so far the exact objective of this group is more than somewhat vague. It may be that as the committee's activities crystallize it will be preferable for a teaching element - possibly [redacted] to represent OTR, but for the time being we will continue to keep contact. Eva expects to be on leave at the time of the next meeting, but we will see that OTR is represented.)

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2. SUPPORT TO AIR FORCE TRAINING:

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[redacted] called last week to give the dates of the training course for which he had previously (WAR #29, p. 2) alerted us he would like to borrow the [redacted]

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[redacted] series films. I have advised the Film Branch that he would like to pick them up on 24 November and return them on 8 December.

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3. VSS DINNER:

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[redacted] has accepted the invitation of the Veterans of the OSS to speak at the dinner on 13 December honoring General Eisenhower.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Counterinsurgency Study Committee

25X1 A committee has been established to study CIA's experience and to define its peculiar role (specifically, that of the Clandestine Services) in the Counterinsurgency effort. [redacted]

[redacted] Special Assistant to Chief, OPSER, called the first meeting and acted as chairman. The meeting was held at 10:30 on 21 October 1965 in Room 3C-28. Those attending were [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] explained that as currently visualized the effort would be a four-phase one, viz.:

Phase 1 - The Inventory Process - What material exists? Where is it? How accessible?

Phase 2 - The Reading Phase - screening process

Phase 3 - The Analytical Phase

Phase 4 - The Value Judgments Phase

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work a relatively brief document entitled somewhat as follows: "Clandestine Services' Experience in Counterinsurgency and Prospects for the Future." Although the primary purpose of the exercise is to provide an over-all review for the DD/P rather than to formulate doctrine for clandestine counterinsurgency operations, as suggested by [redacted] agreed that the latter might be an ultimate result. [redacted] pointed out that what the committee produces will depend on what turns up in the reading phase.

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[redacted] emphasized that the committee should proceed on the assumption that the paper will be for internal use, any broader use depending on its ultimate nature and on the desires of the DD/P.

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A tentative deadline for completion of Phase 1 is mid - to late December 1965. During [redacted] absence on TDY [redacted] will act as Chairman. Approval or division chiefs will be sought for the examination of operational files and discussions with operational personnel. Any approach to the divisions will be cleared through the committee.

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The next meeting was scheduled for 10:30 on 2 November 1965 in Room GE-0444 (Office of C/WPS). The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

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